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P In informal talk at luncheon with five Cabinet Ministers, I inquired what would be reaction if Soviet ships turned back in face US quarantine. All agreed Soviet prestige in Latin America would fall to new lows. I inquired what those present would do in US position.

INR

 said they would liquidate Cuba at once.

RMR

In informal conversation this afternoon said no doubt whatever GOB fully backs US in present crisis. He again asked our sympathetic consideration of Foreign Minister formula Embassy telegram 435, to return OAS and express that support. Cabinet this morning agreed unanimously return OAS but requested Foreign Minister find formula such as suggested.

Embassy certain GOB wishes return OAS soonest despite extremists clamoring in Congress and among Communist-led labor and youth groups. As indicated Embassy telegram 439 GOB has not repudiated Sarmiento and received Secretary's message Department telegram 263 gratefully. Confirmation Sarmiento's initial action in official GOB position could be assured and speeded by Department acceptance formula.

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